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For: METHOD FOR WRAPPING A FLOWER POT WITH A SLEEVE HAVING A
TEXTURE OR APPEARANCE SIMULATING THE TEXTURE OR APPEARANCE
OF CLOTH

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure
Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (formerly Form PTO-
1449)
3. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed
Information Was Already Cited and for Which No
Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this
Statement

- 5. ☒ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
- 6. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified)

☒ A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached hereto.

☐ No Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached.

Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/345,049, filed on January 14, 2003.**

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement.

Legible copies of all items listed in FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 3.

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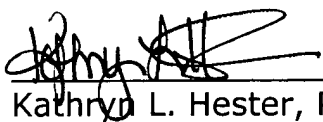
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